GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5307
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2000
TRADE MARKS ACT
MALYALA RAJAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Marks Act, 1999 provides for a Delhi-based Appellate Board;

(b) if so, whether an aggrieved person will have to come down to Delhi to file special leave petition; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to do away with such undue expenses and delays?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) to (c):- The Trade Marks Act, 1999, provides for establishment of an Appellate Board known as the Intellectual Property Appellate Board to hear appeals against the decision of the Registrar. The Act also provides for setting up Benches in different locations. No decision about the location of the Appellate Board and its Benches has been taken by the Government. Since the Benches shall sit at such places as the Government may notify in the Official Gazette, there will be no undue expenses and delay for the litigants.